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FOREWORD

N offering the eighth book of Bringing Up Father, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the millions of readers whose enthusiasm for this series is a constant source of encouragement to me.

An artist, sitting at his drawing-board and grinding out funny pictures, day after day, is not always sure that he is always hitting bull'seye. Often he becomes discouraged merely because he is not in personal contact with his audience. Of course, once in a while, his wife or his grand-father comes into the room and approves of his work. But that only makes the artist suspicious. He has an idea that, probably, they want something and are merely jollying him along.

But when over four millions of books are sold, the artist feels that, perhaps, his work is not so awfully bad. And that puts new heart into him. Of course, some nights when he cannot sleep, the thought occurs to him that all these millions have bought these books because they didn't know any better.

The more I'm encouraged, the better work I do. If you want the Number 9 book to be good, next year, all you've got to do is to buy as many Number 8's as your bank-roll will permit. Don't for a moment think that you would not know what to do with more than one copy. Ten of them, neatly tied together, make a dandy little foot-stool, particularly if you have small feet.

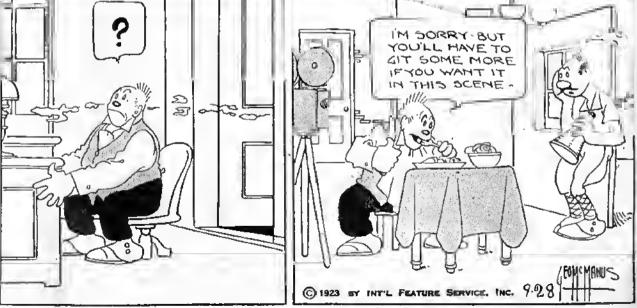
Anyway, many thanks, best wishes for your happiness and lively hopes that the merry game will keep up.





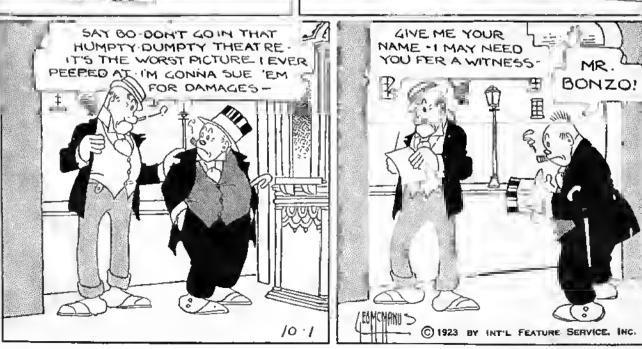


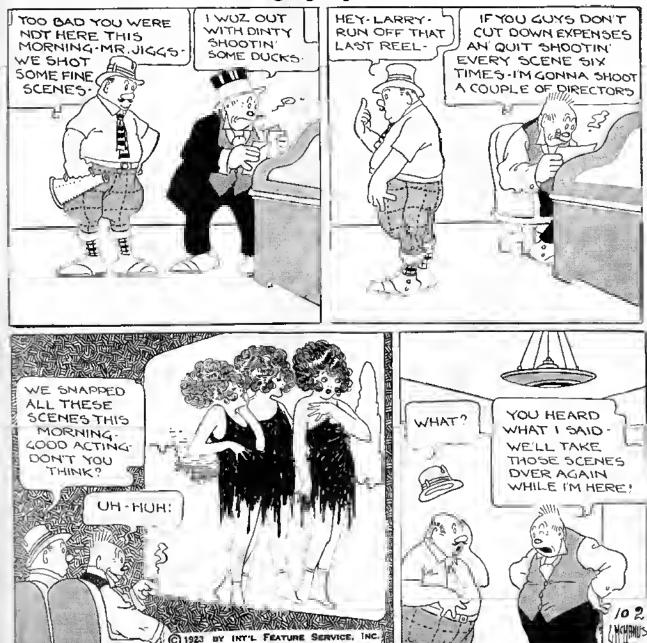




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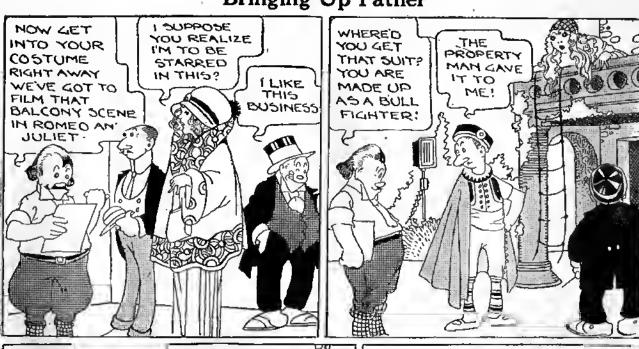




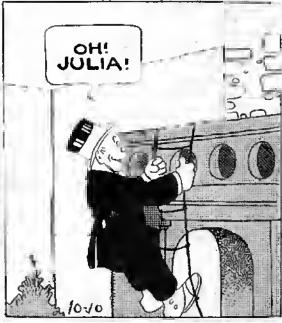
































































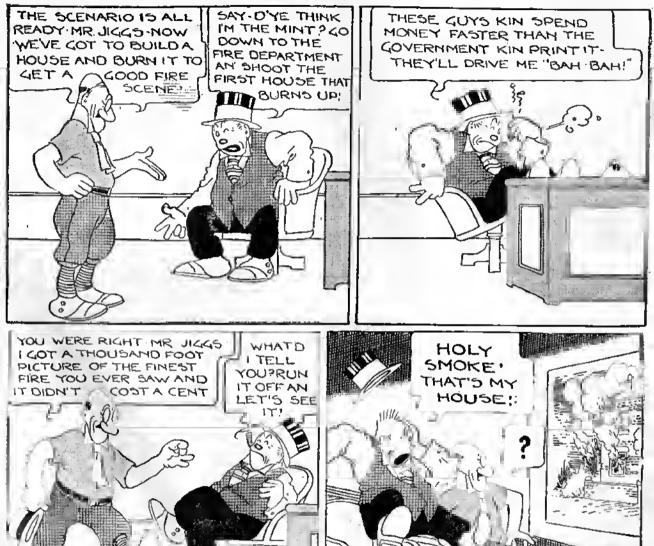








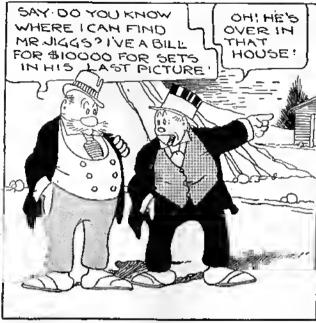




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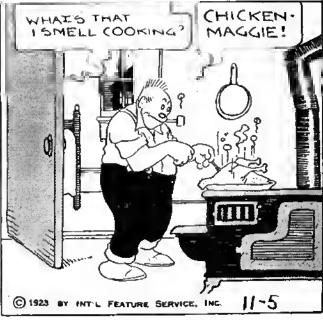


























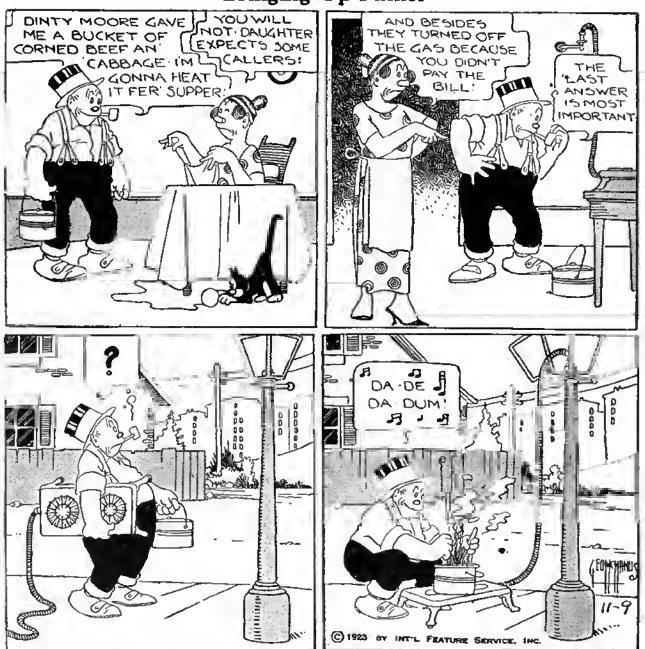












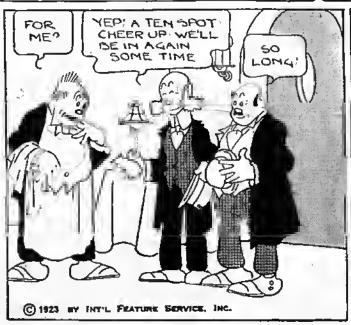




























































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